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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, Applicant hereby submits this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including two (2) sheets of Form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application.

References A4 and B1 to B4 listed on sheets 1 and 2 of the accompanying PTO form 1449 were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated August 31, 2010 during the prosecution of corresponding Japanese Patent Application Serial No. 2005-513023. A copy of the partial translation of the Office Action dated August 31, 2010 issued in corresponding Japanese Patent Application Serial No. 2005-513023 is cited as reference B5 on sheet 2 of the accompanying PTO-1449 form.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(d)(1) and (e)(1). Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on August 31, 2010 (i.e. a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement). Accordingly, the present Information Disclosure Statement is timely and it is believed that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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If it is determined that any additional fee is due, the Examiner is authorized to charge said fee to Attorney Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Applicants respectfully request that the references cited in the accompanying PTO 1449 form be considered and made of record. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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